

Santa faces today's problems at Elementary concerts

You wouldn't think that the problems which face the modern world - strikes, budgets, stress and the aches and pains of the elderly - would affect a tradition like Santa Claus, but the two concerts presented by Elk Point Elementary School's students show that life at the North Pole isn't all fun and reindeer games.

Packed crowds of proud parents, grandparents, families and friends were on hand for both Wednesday's and Thursday's concerts.

Both days started off with Mrs. Holota's ECS students, who formed a glittering Christmas tree with red and green balls, blinking colored lights, jingling bells, garlands and popcorn and a big star on top as they sang "The Christmas Tree Song," and exchanged their ornaments for sections of track, rhythm band instruments and a marvelous wooden locomotive to sing "Little Toy Trains."

Each day, three names were drawn in the ECS Christmas draws, with Rosa John, May Munro and John Wozniak winning Wednesday's prizes and Lana MacDonald, Amelia Bowen and Savannah Lawrence taking home the gifts on Thursday.

Emcees Nicole Kalynchuk and Curtis Morris welcomed Wednesday's special guest, School Board trustee Darrell Youngmans, who said that attending concerts is one of the benefits of his new role. "Concerts bring school and community together," he noted. "One of the new buzz words is holistic, but that is nothing new in education - it takes a whole community to educate a child, and not all aspects of education happen in school."

The Grade 5A class made their draw for a hundred loonies, with Josie Roberts the lucky winner.

Principal Don Conrad said Christmas is "a very exciting time in an already very active curriculum." Wednesday's concert theme was based on the "Survivor" television series but with a more humorous twist, but Conrad said the word "survivor" has a more somber meaning since the events of September 11 changed the world for everyone. "We are all survivors, and 'Peace on Earth' has a more realistic message." He asked for a moment of silence for all those facing Christmas in a very difficult situation, "experiencing Christmas as survivors, in sorrow."

The sign over the stage read "SURVIVAL SANTA - NORTH POLE" and on stage, Santa has a big problem. The reindeer only eat, sleep, watch TV and do the "Reindeer Boogie", and claim that they need the rest, while the elves are working flat out getting the toys all made for Christmas. Not only that, but the toyshop is waaaaay over budget.

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SURFBOARD OR SKATEBOARD - Santa's an adaptable guy, as shown in this week's concerts.



■ Up Front

RCMP increases their Checkstop program for holiday season

By Sgt. Lyle Marianchuk

Elk Point RCMP

Elk Point RCMP has implemented a traffic safety initiative for the rest of this holiday season. The implementation involves:

1. DAILY checkstops set up at various locations in the detachment area, specifically for drinking and driving offenses. These checkstops will be conducted with assistance from various

other agencies including St. Paul Traffic Services. Members involved in these checkstops will be wearing new traffic safety vests which were purchased with funds donated by MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers).

2. ZERO TOLERANCE for all drinking and driving offenses.

3. Specific patrol locations and times will be set up to target impaired drivers.

4. Elk Point C.O.P.S. (Citizens on Patrol) will be making patrols

during the holiday season looking for offenses, including impaired drivers.

5. Elk Point RCMP will be investigating ALL complaints received regarding impaired drivers.

We encourage everyone to be responsible especially during this holiday season considering that one in five drivers in a fatal collision has consumed alcohol.

DRIVE SOBER!

Bernice Capjack-Hugo wins by-election seat

Bernice Capjack-Hugo was successful in her bid for the vacant seat on Elk Point Town Council, collecting 147 votes out of a total of 182 cast in the December 17 by-election.

Former councillor Mae Hendrickson received the nod from 34 voters, while one ballot was spoiled.

Ms Capjack-Hugo will be sworn in at the January meeting of Council, joining Mayor Lyle Frisby and councillors Parrish Tung, Dennis Jasinsky and Dwayne Vogel at the Council table for the remainder of the three year term which started in October.

community NEWS

County increases Moose Hills speed limit, NLLS

St. Paul County Council agreed that the speed limit on the completed portion of the Moose Hills road should be increased from 80 km per hour to 90 km per hour.

\$60,000 borrowed
Council also passed a motion at their December meeting to borrow \$60,000 to purchase a used Hydro Ax.

The Ax is used to clear brush along the roadside. The County had to borrow the funds because the money was not allocated in the 2001 budget. The short-term loan will be paid

off in January.

Interim budget
County councillors approved an interim budget for the County of St. Paul for 2002. Although the numbers could still change drastically depending on government grants or unexpected expenses, the interim budget is about \$11 million.

It is estimated that the county will bring in around \$10 million in taxes, up only slightly from last years.

The majority of the expenses in the next year if things go as planned are in transportation, an estimated cost of about \$5 million.

Other numbers in the interim budget remain much the same as last year including around \$360,000 for recreation like campsites and over \$1 million for administration.

Approximately \$895,000 would be left over for capital general funds if the interim budget figures remain the same.

Members of board appointed
Ron Petruk, Eleanor Zimmerman, Bill White and Louis Dechaine have all been appointed by County council to the

Subdivision and Development Appeals board for three years. Petruk and Zimmerman have served on the board before, the other two members are new.

Landscaping
County council approved some landscaping on the Haying in the 30s lease site at PT SE 24-60-10-W4. The landscaping will be done in conjunction with some landscaping already approved at the Stoney Lake ball diamonds. County also approved moving a campsite kitchen from Floatingstone Municipal Recreation Area to their lease site for use during their annual fundraiser for cancer victims.

Road maintenance
County council is asking for clarification from the Municipal Resource Industry Provincial Action Dialogue Group about their model road repair and maintenance agreement for use between municipalities and oil companies.

The MRIPADG has asked the County of St. Paul to test the agreement because of the heavy oil and gas industry in the county.

Councillors expressed concern about loss of control over road use agreements.

"They're our roads and we should manage them," says councillor Frank Sloan.

NLLS increase
County of St. Paul councillors voted in favour of increasing their membership levies to the Northern Lights Library Board from \$3.05 per capita to \$3.20 per capita.

The difference will be around \$1,000 for the county.

The increase in levies is to help the library board recover from a deficit budget in 2002.

No hunting on abandoned lines
County amended a bylaw to prohibit hunting along any abandoned railway right-of-ways.

People are prohibited from hunting or sport shooting on or over a railway right-of-way.

This bylaw includes the Iron Horse Trail and the newly acquired CN line right-of-way.

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community **NEWS****Baptist Church hosts Sunday School concert**

THE SMALLEST SHEPHERD - Hannah Goulet takes a turn with the microphone as the Toddler class sings "Away in a Manger." Her parents, Jill and Jason Goulet, and their tiny son portrayed the Holy family, while Melissa Ellis was the other pint-sized shepherd.

By Pastor Jim MacLellan
Elk Point Baptist Church

About 130 people gathered to enjoy the Christmas message as it was enacted and sung by various classes in the Baptist Church Sunday School on Sunday

evening, December 16. The Mistress of Ceremonies for the evening was Kerry Anderson who led the congregation in Christmas carols and sang her own stirring number entitled "Reaching" as the

evening closed. Sherry Oszust also brought focus to the Christ of Christmas in a solo: "The Way He Came."

The youngest class of Toddlers, led by Bernice Ellis and Jill Goulet, presented an impressive manger scene and sang the familiar "Away in a Manger" carol. The audience was next brought into a new understanding of the Christmas candy cane. This presentation was the work of Toni May and her preschool class.

Lynn Urquhart and her Grade 8 to 10 girls brought the house down with a play that designed and read a special Christmas card. Their own puppetry entertained everyone to the sounds of "Joy to the World".

Chereth Quist and the Grades 1 and 2 class shared with us the best gift of all -- the Word of God, and the EPBC-TV station took us on a journey of journalism seeking the meaning of Christmas. Leslie Quist, the anchor, and her class of Grades 3 and 4s found that meaning in the ancient but awesome Christmas story.

The Adult Sunday School class directed by Lois Ramer reenacted a version of The Family Feud. Unfortunately the best answer to the question, "What do you think of when you think of Christmas?" was not part of the Top Four. However, they left us with the poignant question, "What do you think of when you think of Christmas?"

The evening ended with Christmas goodies and refreshments in the Church basement. There was great fellowship and lots of fun as we delighted in the children getting candy bags on their way home. Thanks to Bernie Kozicky, the Sunday School Superintendent who made sure that another Christmas pro-

gram brought a great to again celebrate message and allowed us Christ's birth.



JUST THE FACTS, SIR - EPBC-TV's intrepid reporter asks Santa about the true meaning of Christmas in the Grade 3 and 4 presentation anchored by Leslie Quist.

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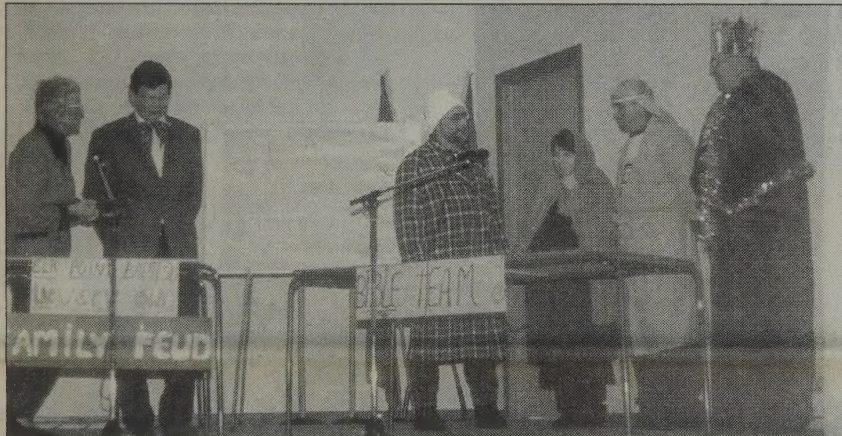
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A FEUD OF BIBLICAL PROPORTIONS -- the Bible Team did battle with Team Santa (not shown) as Shirley and Glenn Harms did their best to keep the peace in the Adult Sunday School's Family Feud.

Bike found

Some young cyclist may be a little happier this Christmas, after all.

On November 30, 2001 a girl's 12 speed mountain bike, purple in color, was turned in to the Elk Point RCMP. The bike can be claimed at the Elk Point RCMP Detachment.

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Our next issue of the Elk Point Review will be delivered Monday, December 31. Our deadline for advertising and copy is 12:00 Noon Thursday, December 27.

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Holiday hosting: making sure guests get home safely

By Lakeland Injury Control Project Team

Adapted from AADAC

A successful party means more than just good food and lively music. Here are some ideas to help you and your guests to enjoy the party from start to finish.

■ Besides alcohol, provide your guests with soft drinks, coffee or tea. You could even consider having a party where no alcohol is served; people can have fun without relying on alcohol.

■ Make sure you serve food as it helps to slow down the absorption of alcohol into the body. High protein snacks such as meat, nuts or cheese are good choices.

■ Planning ahead means anticipating what might go wrong as well as what will go right. A good idea might be to have a spare bed or sofa available for a guest who drinks too much and can't drive home.

■ Decide in advance when you want the party to end. Stop serving alcohol one hour before this scheduled time. Never offer guests "one for the road."

■ Serve coffee and tea and a dessert at the end of the evening. Coffee won't help sober up someone who has gone beyond their limit, but it will give some extra time for other guests to metabolize the alcohol they have consumed.

If someone has had too much to drink to drive safely, it's your responsibility to do something about it. Find an alternative ride or take their keys and call a taxi. If these options aren't acceptable, show your guest to a spare bedroom or sofa.

■ Surviving the Season

Running the gauntlet of holiday parties without gaining

By Carol Moro

Take Off Pounds Sensibly

The holidays can present a multitude of challenges for anyone trying to lose weight or maintain a goal weight. Yet it's possible to survive - and even thrive - during this period.

Put aside all negative thoughts. If you plan ahead, you too can enjoy the Thanksgiving -to-New-Year's stretch... without stretching your shape into the next clothing size.

Without a doubt, social situations are the greatest concern of the would-be weight-loser during this period. So whenever you're a guest - whether it's at a family feast, a workplace buffet, or a neighborhood party - keep these tips in mind.

■ Get the host or hostess on your side. Privately ask him or her to help you stay within

the limits of your eating plan by serving small portions, serving your salad dressing on the side, or so on.

■ At some parties, the only low-fat, low-calorie will be soda water. Bring something to share that you can enjoy, too.

■ Don't be overwhelmed by an array of food. Some things look a lot better than they taste. Pick and choose.

■ Being a good guest doesn't require eating everything that's offered to you. Mingle with others. Introduce yourself to people you don't know. Ask your hosts if they need any help. Above all, relax and enjoy yourself.

■ Don't go on and on about your eating habits. It's a sure-fire way to make others feel guilty about their food choices.

■ Include party treats in your day's meal plan. There's no need to entirely forego the

pleasures of sampling party fare. Planning puts you in control.

■ Take each party or special occasion one at a time. Let "just for today" be your standard. "Just for today, I'll make a deliberate decision on what to eat... savor my choices... and stop before I feel stuffed." "Just for today, I'll skip the snack table and concentrate on the other party guests."

■ Pick and choose among the options available to you. There are many choices between the two extremes of indulgence and total abstinence. The choices include: whether or not to have an appetizer, what to drink, whether to take a large or small portion (or none at all) of each food being offered, whether or not to have dessert, and whether to enjoy something on the spot or take a portion home.



■ From the FCSS desk

"You Better Watch Out!"

By Deanna Easthope

FCSS Director

Can you imagine? Tonight is Christmas Eve! Yes, the special day has arrived. Tonight, the baby Jesus was born. And... some families will be reading the story as told in St. Luke, Chapter 2. This is really a nice tradition to begin your Christmas celebrations by reading the story. Then you can open gifts, enjoy the Christmas dinner feast, sing songs, play games and just spend time with your loved ones.

However, remembering the birth of the baby Jesus is not the only event that takes place on Christmas Eve. We have taught our children that Santa Claus comes sometime during the night on December 24. And... he is the one who brings gifts to the children - especially what they have asked him to bring.

Do you remember your feelings about Santa Claus when you were very little? What was your first impression when you were first taught about him? Maybe some of you have forgotten. Recently I was reading a story told by Jennifer Pritchett, who was very scared of Santa Claus.

Trying to reason why this was so, she said: "When I was a little girl, I was scared to death of Santa Claus. After all, I reasoned, who in their right mind wouldn't be? He'd corner you in drugstores and outside of Hallmark's and make you tell him how you were and what you hoped to get for Christmas. He was nosy and intrusive, watching you all the time and sneaking into your house at night once a year to reward your deeds. Just think of the words to the song, how he sees us when we're sleeping, and knows when we're awake, how he knows if we've been bad or good - so you'd better be good for goodness sake! ... Santa Claus was someone "out there" who always knew when I did something wrong!" Her Dad would go on to tease her about when Santa comes down the chimney on Christmas Eve he wants to know if you're really, truly asleep, and not just pretending. He'll quietly sneak to where you're sleeping to find out. If you're awake, you'll only barely be able to hear the padded footsteps of his soft black boots. She goes on to say she knows her Dad was teasing her, but some-

thing about his story haunted her and when Christmas Eve finally came around, the feeling would linger and she was afraid to go to bed.

Maybe as adults we didn't realize that some children would have a great fear of the jolly old Saint Nicholas - the man called Santa Claus who says "Ho, Ho, Ho!" All we want to do is have fun giving gifts to our children. Our feelings are reinforced when we see the excitement in our children.

As parents, we try so hard to try and bring happiness to our children that it kind of hurts when we learn that our well meaning intentions have some negative results. The opposite would be to act like Mr. Scrooge who says "Humbug!" and is too selfish to think of other, especially at Christmas time (This would hurt our children)... Maybe this can all be put in perspective if we go back to the original story of Christmas and get back to the real focus of who, what and why we celebrate this special time. May we all do that in our own special way. Attend the church of your choice, and Merry Christmas, everyone!

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community NEWS

Atco Electric power rates expected to drop in new year

By Steven Heywood
St. Paul Journal

Electricity bill rebates in Alberta are ending as of December 31 and depending on where people live in the province and whom they get their power from, rates may vary.

In St. Paul, where Atco Electric is the power supplier, residential customers used to seeing a \$40 rebate each month over 2001 may

not notice its departure on the bill's bottom line. Lynn Hutchings-Mah, Alberta Ministry of Energy's assistant director of energy communications, says some Alberta residents may not notice the rebate is gone until well into the new year.

"Some people may not see (the rebate) disappear right away," she says. "That depends on their bill payment plans and who their power

provider is."

In the St. Paul area, Atco Electric supplies electricity and recently had a new rate - based on usage per kilowatt hour - approved by Alberta's regulator, the Energy Utility Board (EUB).

According to a customer service spokesperson with Atco, their new rate for the first three months of 2002 will be 4.9 cents per kw/h for residential cus-

tomers.

For farms and small businesses, the rate is 4.93 and 4.96 cents, respectively. Industrial customers will pay 4.87 cents and oil fields will pay 4.93 cents.

The spokesperson adds the rate prior to this change was 11.12 cents per kw/h - a rate essentially 'hidden' to customers by the gov-

ernment's rebate. Atco Electric's change in rates is in the range of a 56 per cent decrease.

Individual bills will vary, depending on the amount of power use. Atco's customer service rep. says, in example, a user of 1,200 kw/h per month would see a bill of \$188 drop to \$137. However, a user of 600 kw/h per month would

have their bill of \$83 drop to only \$80.

Whether locals will actually see a lower power bill depends on electricity use and payment schedules.

Thinga-Ma-Jobs donates time to community groups

By Cole May
F. G. Miller High School

On December 11th, Elk Point's very own high school run business, Thinga-ma-Jobs, went downtown and performed the charitable act of ridding the veteran's memorial, by the info booth, of all it's snow.

Thinga-ma-Jobs, run by the students of Miss Germain's Enterprise and Innovation class of the F.G. Miller High School, performs jobs such as this among others all around town. Flyers have been placed all over town advertising the company. Running only until last Friday, Thinga-ma-Jobs hoped to fulfill its quota of sixteen jobs by the time they shut down.

Thinga-ma-Jobs also assisted the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce by serving complimentary hot chocolate during Christmas Extravaganza, in conjunction with their hot dog sale.



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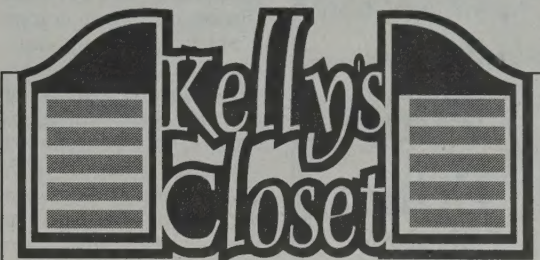
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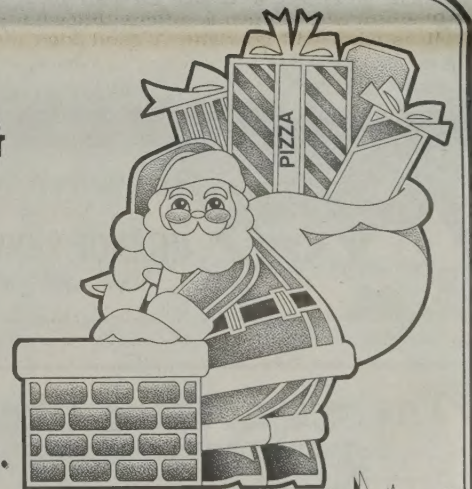
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community NEWS

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What do you do if you need a million dollars in a big hurry? Well, there's always the game shows. Santa didn't feel confident about being

answering the questions on "I Want to be a Millionaire," but how about "Survivor"? Santa and Rudolph find themselves on "Survivor IV" where few can survive the challenges as the Holly Berries go head to head with the Mistletoes.

This time, all the challenges in this northern-themed show have something to do with Christmas. First comes a relay to fill up giant stockings, and Santa, with his centuries of practice, is a shoe-in. A crew of pajama-ed youngsters show with an action song what they hope to find in their stockings on Christmas morning.

The unsuccessful Mistletoes, with Rudolph as one of their team, hold a tribal council, torches and all, and vote off the hapless Jenna.

The next challenge, as the rivalry escalates, was to hang as many candy canes as possible on the tree in a given amount of time, with a lively collection of Candy Cane Kids adding an action song number. This time the Mistletoes win the chal-

lenge, although Rudy assures his teammates that "Santa's really cool." Just how cool is he? The gang in fedoras, shades and black leather second the motion with their song.

Grumpy elf Jerry is

tub, he's way out of shape and the Mistletoes win again. A chorus in toques, scarves and mittens sing the glories of "A Snow Day" as some of their members build a snow fort and snow-

member aboard it, and Santa's team wins, which kicks off a celebration song about a "Snowboard Santa Claus... a man with a real cool plan."

Rudolph casts the final vote at the Tribal Council and Richard is out.

The remaining members of both teams merge for the final challenge, and although Rudolph admits he wouldn't mind a Christmas eve off, he agrees with the other two that they should concede the contest to Santa, so he would have the money to finish the toys. All the gang - reindeer, candy canes, and people in fedoras and toques - join in to sing "We are better working together." The pajama crowd were added in for the finale, as everyone sang "We Wish You A Merry Christmas."

Starring in Wednesday's concert were the Monday-Wednesday ECS, Mrs. Buryn's Grade 1A, Mrs. Jenner's 2A, Mrs. Baudette's 3A, Miss Grabas' 4A, Miss Sorochan's 6A and Mrs. Boothman's 5A students.



RUDOLPH AND THE MISTLETOES excel in the snowball tossing challenge relay.

voted off the Holly Berries, and on to the next challenge, surviving long, cold winters. You'd think Santa would win this hands down, but not so. When it comes to tossing snowballs into an offstage

man. The next challenge deals with a solution to the problem of reindeer who dance all night and are too tired to pull the sleigh. Each team is directed to pull a skateboard with one team

Co-op wins business decorating contest

All that effort for the Elk Point Co-op's crew, which even involved climbing up to the roof to hang countless strings of icicle lights around its sizeable perimeter, was worth it after all. The store placed first in the Business category of the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce Lighting and Decorating Contest, when the outdoor lights were added to the numerous indoor embellishments,

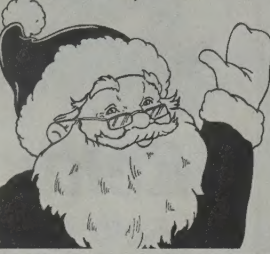
although the \$25 first prize won't go too far toward paying the additional power bill this month..

The Alberta Treasury Branch, who moved in trees and decorated every corner of their premises, placed second, while Danin Office Supplies, whose window had animals playing dominoes, baking cookies and opening presents as well as a Santa Frog and a bearded Santa parrot sliding down chimneys, placed third.

Plaza 75 Mall, The Cutting Edge, Servus Credit Union, Stedmans and Downtown Laundry all received honorable mentions for their part in dressing up Elk Point for Christmas.



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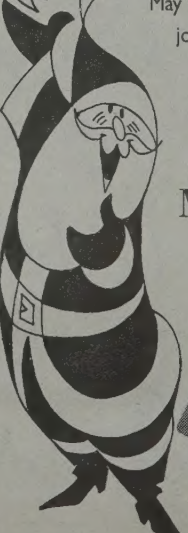
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community NEWS

Surfin' Santa highlights Thursday's Elementary concert

Thursday's concert was emceed by Jordan Turnbull and Marissa Bader, with Tanisha Patterson leading the singing of O Canada, which was sung by Brendan Bailey at the Wednesday concert.

A special part of Thursday's program was the presentation of awards to the winners of the Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Contest (See page 11) and the presentation by Jodi Werenka of \$268 from the teachers' casual day fund to the Make a Wish Foundation.

Mr. Conrad told the crowd that Christmas concerts have been a longtime tradition at the school, and "provide very fond memories for the children." Referring to Darrell Younghans' address on Wednesday, he said that he sees "the whole community definitely very involved. We're very fortunate to have the cooperation of the parents." He thanked the community for their help in fulfilling the message.

Then, on with the show!

Santa has been dreaming of a warm Christmas. He's feeling his age, and wishing he could go to a more comfortable climate. A toqued, mittened and scarved chorus agreed, singing "If Only I Could Make it Through the Winter." At -40° and

dropping, it's bad for Santa's arthritis, so he's bundled under a blanket to read all his mail, while Jingle the elf assigns everyone some of Santa's jobs.

One of his letters is not from a youngster wanting presents - it's an invitation to "win an exotic vacation," and a group of students in summer clothes second the motion with their song, "Gotta Get Away."

Far away from the North Pole, in Grimley's grimy toy factory, Mr. Grimley and his business manager are plotting against Santa, whom they feel has an unfair advantage on the toy market. They plot and plan a hostile takeover of the North Pole toy factory. Two kids on a tour of his factory overhear, and decide to send themselves Priority Post to the Pole. If they hadn't got lost in the mail in Heinsburg, there probably wouldn't have been any more to this story.

Grimley's manager gets there instead, and assures Santa that he's the winner of a trip to an exotic location. He answers all the skill-testing questions and works himself up to the grand prize of two weeks on Paradise Island. "What about the toyshop?" Mrs. Santa asked, but is assured that consultants are being brought in to

streamline operations so Santa can get away.

Suddenly, Santa's riding the waves, with a

More
Concert
photos on
Pages 8 & 9

beachboy chorus for backup, and invited to go snorkeling. Although he's exhausted, it was (as Mrs. S. reminds him) his idea, he does the Limbo until he literally drops.

Things aren't that much fun at the Pole. The Priority Post finally arrives to find a supervisor bellowing at the elves, who have discov-

ered Grimley just wants to sell toys. It's too late for Kevin and Ellen to warn Santa that it's a trick to get rid of him... or is it? If they can get past the guard, the reindeer will take them to find Santa.

Santa's surprised when Kevin, Ellen and the elves arrive on Paradise Island with their story, and agrees that his vacation is over. Marvin the Rasta mon has become a great fan of Santa, and asks to come along. The sleigh heads north, and Grimley's game is up.

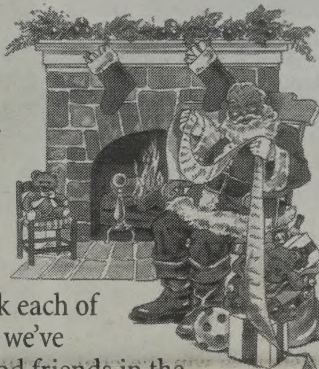
But Grimley is wavering. The spirit of giving is infectious, and he's invited to "Share a Little Christmas" by the chorus. Wally, Grimley's idea man insists they

aren't trying to put Santa out of business, and comes up with an idea that will benefit both. "We could donate Grimley's surplus toys, and maybe even collect donations in our lunch room!" Marvin gets a new job, in charge of distribution of the surplus toys, and offers to arrange a low-effort tropical vacation for everyone just as soon as the Christmas rush is

over. Santa may just make it through the winter after all!

Everyone joined to sing "We Wish You A Merry Christmas" as the concert came to an end.

Starring in Thursday's concert were Mrs. Wozniak's 1B, Ms Bayduza's 1C, Mrs. Conrad's 2B, Mr. Hymanik's 3B, Mrs. Richard's 4B, Mr. Bilak's 5B and Mr. Sereda's 6B.

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We'd like to thank each of you personally, but we've made too many good friends in the past year to find the space to list them here.

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Special guest for Chamber

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce members will have a special guest to start off the new year at their January 2 meeting. Kevin Kisilevich of Kalyna Country will be on hand to talk about tourism marketing, and everyone is invited to attend.

Sending
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to all our
readers and advertisers.

We'd like to deliver our gratitude for your devoted support. May this holiday season bring you gifts of love, peace and contentment and may 2002 bring only good news.

ELK POINT REVIEW

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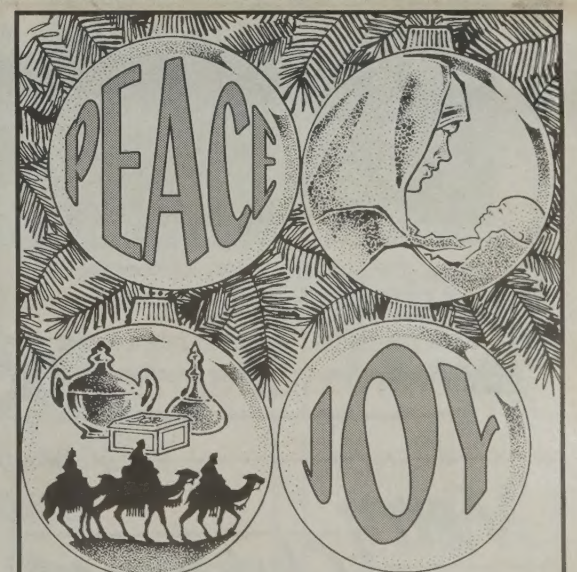
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FASTEST STOCKING FILLER IN THE WEST -- No, make that **NORTH** - Santa's team wins this challenge hands down.



REFLECTIVE REINDEER - Santa's team says it needs lots of relaxation and recreation before the big Christmas eve flight.



THE CANDY CANE KIDS are sweet as can be as they tell the audience about the next challenge the Survivor teams will have to face.

Greetings of the Season

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community **NEWS**

Santa gives up sleigh and takes up surfing



SANTA GETS A NEW LEASE ON LIFE when he wins a trip to Paradise Island. From the arthritic old gent cuddled under a blanket at left, he turns into a surfer dude who even tries the Limbo dance (right) as soon as he gets to a warmer climate.,



TOYSHOP TAKEOVER - Mr. Grimley and his business associates plot a hostile takeover of the North Pole toyshop, which they feel is giving Santa an unfair advantage..



Trimmed With A Wish ...
May your home be blessed with peace, love & joy this holiday season.
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!
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TREE TOTS - Mrs. Holota's Tuesday - Thursday ECS class portrays a Christmas tree with red and green balls, blinking lights, jingling bells, garland, popcorn and a big shining star on top.



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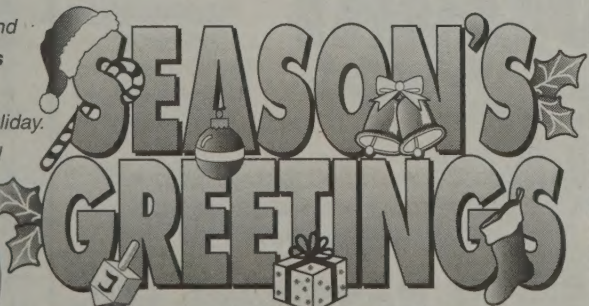
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Heinsburg Community School adopted by Payless ShoeSource

Payless ShoeSource Inc. continues its support for elementary school through its Adopt-A-School Program, which gives unrestricted cash grants to schools throughout the United States and Canada. David Robinson, District Manager, on Tuesday, December 18, 2001 presented a cheque in the amount of 1591.00 to the Heinsburg Community School, in Heinsburg, Alberta.

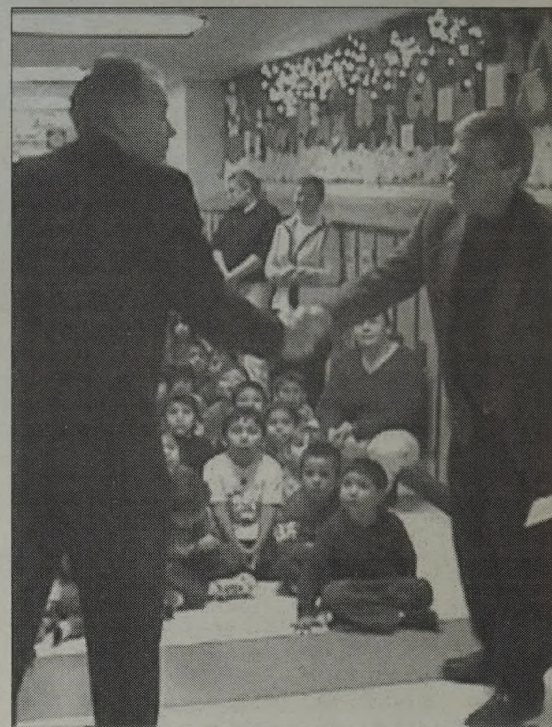
In making the presentation, Robinson said, "Adopt-A-School program is somewhat unique because it allows selected schools across the country to use the grant money to pay for individual needs at each school. This is an excellent example of a successful school-business partnership. Payless believes today's young people are tomorrow's leaders. We are proud to support

improved educational opportunities for Canadian youth."

The Heinsburg Community School plans to use the grant for the Early Literacy Program and the Headstart Snack program. With donations from Payless ShoeSource, numerous schools through the United States and Canada have benefited during the past years of the program's existence. Grants have helped pay for computers, development of educational programs, field trips, books and school supplies. Each year, Payless Division leaders identify needy schools to receive the grants in their assigned areas.

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HEINSBURG PRINCIPAL Lorne Young receives cheque from Mr. David Robinson, District Manager Payless ShoeSource Inc.

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community **NEWS**

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION Poppy Contest award winners at local level received cheques and certificates from Mrs. Richard at Thursday's concert. Winners were: Color Poster: 1. Eric Mosely, 2. Andrea Lee; Black and White Poster: 1. Josh Weir, 2. Catho Olstad; Essay: 1. Warren Jurak, 2. Terri White; Poem: 1. Sabrina Stewart, 2. Eric Mosely.

Are you prepared for winter driving?

As Alberta drivers we assume that nothing will ever happen to us while we are out on our winter travels. It's smart to play it safe. A good starting point is to have a winter emergency kit in your vehicle.

Emergency kit should consist of:

- * A shovel, snow brush and scraper, and windshield washer fluid
- * Abrasive material for traction such as sand or kitty litter
- * A candle in a shallow can and waterproof matches
- * Heavy duty booster cables
- * Survival clothing

including a toque, mitts, wool socks, and boots

* Chocolate bars or emergency winter food bars

* Reflective emergency warning triangle

* Multi-purpose screwdriver, pliers, crescent wrench, duct tape, flashlight and knife

* Space blanket and plastic garbage bags

* First Aid Kit

* If you have a cell phone, take it along

If you get stuck in bad winter weather or in a blizzard, you can survive with common sense rules. First and

Foremost, stay with your car! It's your best shelter from the cold, and walking can get you lost — or worse.

NEARTA meets at St. Edouard Renewal Centre

By Lily McCool

North East Alberta Retired Teachers Association

Fifty hearty members of The North East Alberta Retired Teachers' Association braved the cold wind and snow on Tuesday, December 4 to meet at the St. Edouard Renewal Centre near St. Paul. The business meeting was followed by a very enjoyable noon lunch prepared by Louise DeChamplain and her catering group.

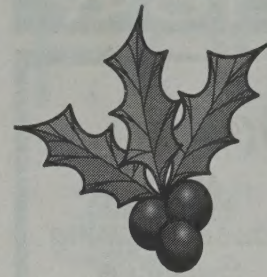
A new member jokingly remarked, "If I had known lunch was this good, I would have started attending these meetings even before I retired!"

We were asked to sit at tables where decorations depicted the particular type of volunteering we had been

most involved with, adorned by placemats made by Grade 1 students under the direction of Jeannette Letourneau. After lunch, George and

and all points in between and even beyond these borders are invited to attend these meetings. They provide not only an enjoyable afternoon of socializing with former colleagues, but also useful information on valuable services from our provincial organization, the Alberta Retired Teachers' Association.

The next meeting is scheduled for 11 a.m. on Tuesday March 12, 2002 in Glendon. If you need more information, phone President Olga Ockerman at 724-2353.



Lillian Kutash told us about their tour of China and showed us the souvenirs they brought back.

All retired teachers from North Eastern Alberta, from Cold Lake to Lac La Biche, Heinsburg to Two Hills

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The streets resound with song and mirth,
While people pray for peace on earth;
Bright lights twinkle from tree...
And boys and girls are filled with glee,
Anticipating what delights
Santa's sleigh will bring tonight.
What is the meaning of these things?
It's the joy that Christmas brings!

Thank you for making our season a very special one.

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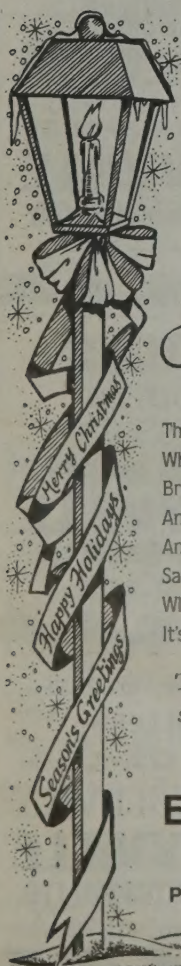
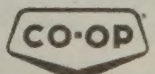
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From the
Elk Point Co-op
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business **DIRECTORY**

\$700 Million in interest-free loans under Spring Credit Advance Program will help farmers with seeding

OTTAWA - The way for an expected Spring Credit Advance \$700 million plus in Program will be interest free loans to be renewed for the 2002 help farmers who struggled with this past summer's drought.

Agriculture and Agri-Food Minister Lyle Vanclief announced the renewal today. The Spring Credit Advance Program * or SCAP * provides interest-free loans of up to \$50,000 to help individual farmers across the country. "This program offers flexibility for farmers in need of cash flow," said Vanclief. "There are significant costs to cover in the spring and these loans will help provide farmers with the resources they need. The SCAP program is an excellent management tool and I'm pleased we are again able to offer it to producers this year." Payments to producers under SCAP come

in the form of loans guaranteed by the Government of Canada and are administered through local producer groups and the Canadian Wheat Board. Producers repay loans at the end of the season or may transfer the balance into an advance under the Advance Payments program once their crop is in storage. Last year, in response to requests from producer organizations whose members faced rising input costs, the Government of Canada raised the maximum loan available under SCAP from \$20,000 to \$50,000. As a result, more than \$670 million in loans were delivered to 33,000 producers through the program. "SCAP is part of a comprehensive suite of programs in place to help farmers manage the risks of farming," said Vanclief. "All told, federal and provincial programs will deliver roughly \$4 billion to farmers for the 2001 crop year." Vanclief also noted that risk management is a key element of the Agricultural Policy Framework being developed by federal and provincial governments in consultation with industry. The policy framework is intended to move the sector away from crisis-management and to build an architecture for success in the 21st century based on branding Canada as number one in the world in food safety and environmentally responsible production. The Government of Canada committed in the recent federal budget to providing its share of predictable, long-term funding that will support the new approach to agriculture. SCAP applications will be available in early spring and producers should receive loans by mid-April.

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what's NEWS at the LIBRARY?

Town and County residents pay the same for membership

The Library is now closed for Christmas break, but we will be back to serve you right after New Year's Day, on January 2, 2002.

The library's statistics show that there are far less County residents on our membership list than there were some years ago, and this may be because of

the high additional fees that were levied prior to the County joining the Northern Lights Library System.

Now the County is a member of NLLS, County members pay exactly the same for their library membership as those who live in town.

Adult membership is

\$10, Family memberships are \$15, Seniors and Child memberships are \$5. This is very reasonable for a year of books, magazines and videos, so why not make purchasing a library membership one of your New Year's resolutions.

And just a reminder to our current mem-

bers: check to see when your membership is due. You won't want to miss any of the great new books we have coming in on a regular basis.

Don't forget that the first Seniors Tea of 2002 is on Tuesday, January 8, and everyone is welcome to join us for a fun afternoon.

Remember your loved ones at Christmas

SMOKY LAKE - Christmas is a time when families gather together for fun, laughter and sharing, but it can also be a period of immense sorrow for families who have recently lost a loved one.

"Often the anticipation of the holiday is more difficult than the holiday itself. It can be a bittersweet time of year. It's a time of joy, but a time of sorrow when someone is missing," said Oe'Livia Chasse, Bereavement Coordinator of the Lakeland Regional Health Authority's Palliative Care Program. "I always tell people to make sure the person who died is part of their holiday. Talk

about them, share stories and memories of them. By expressing our thoughts and memories, we help ourselves heal."

Grief is a natural reaction when a family member or close friend dies. Although people may grieve in different ways, it is important to go through the process, even during the holidays. "It puts stress on us physically and emotionally when we can't express our feelings. Sorrow is as much a part of us as joy. It's how we deal with our grief that becomes the issue. Grief is a natural, normal, healthy response to a loss or change," says Ms Chasse.

"We tend to think that we can't express our

grief. Take a look at all the messages we get in North America. You have to be strong, you have to go on — those are things that tell us grief is not acceptable."

Some families or members of the family will hide their grief over the holidays in an effort to protect each other. People should try not to avoid their grief or gloss over the loss. "People try to protect each other. When we start to talk about someone who has died, someone else may start to cry. Then we think we don't want to hurt that person so we stop talking about them."

Ms Chasse goes on to say, "Expressing our grief is healthy. Sometimes that means

crying, sometimes that means doing something like taking flowers to the grave site, sometimes that means making a donation in memory of someone."

Oe'Livia Chasse is part of the Palliative Care Team for the Lakeland Regional Health Authority. The team consists of four nurses, four physicians and a bereavement coordinator who all have specialized training. The Palliative Care Team, along with other health care providers, such as physicians, nurses, home care workers, social workers and volunteers, are devoted to supporting and caring for individuals during their final stages of life.

Pioneer Circle bingo

December 17, 2001
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Smith \$88, Florence Demchuk \$85, Tracy Moosewah \$30, Helga Vaughan \$30, Lila Smith \$30, Dan Demchuk \$15, Sue Lokken \$36, Betsy Lumley \$25, Helen Trach \$25, Zelma Krucik \$14, Josie Zarowny \$14, Marilyn Cardinal \$27, Dina Leaf \$40, Ruby Lajimodiore \$40, Sam Barstad \$40.

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December 25 & 26 -- Closed

December 27 -- 10:00 am - 10:00 pm

December 28 & 29 -- 10:00 am - Midnight

December 30 & 31 -- 10:00 am - 10:00 pm

January 1 -- Closed

Wishing you a happy & safe holiday.

Kandus, Nigel & Staff

IN MEMORIAM

ELIUK, Vera

In loving memory of Vera Eliuk, who passed away on December 27, 1994.

*Calm and peaceful she is sleeping,
Sweetest rest that follows pain;
We who loved her sadly miss her.
But trust in God to meet again.
Our Christmas dinners will never be the same again.*

Forever loved and deeply remembered by Jim, Amelia, Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren.



County of St. Paul No. 19

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County Council

County of St. Paul No. 19

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Dated December 19, 2001

Dennis Bergheim
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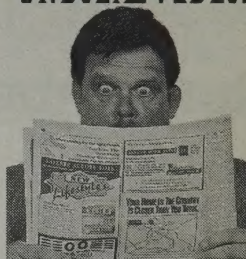
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Following are the details of this Program:

- The County will pay an incentive of \$10.00 per Coyote that is shot or snared during the period commencing December 17, 2001 to March 31, 2002.
- To qualify for the incentive payment, the Coyote Carcasses must be taken to the County Public Works Shop in St. Paul for verification of the number of Coyotes being claimed. The County will be accepting Coyotes one day a week, Wednesdays from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.
- The Agricultural Fieldman or Assistant Agricultural Fieldman will cut the left front foot off the carcass to identify it as having been paid the \$10.00 incentive.
- Only whole, unskinned Coyotes are accepted for payment; Coyote Pelts are not eligible for payment.
- Residents living within the County of St. Paul No. 19, including the Towns of St. Paul and Elk Point, will be eligible to participate in this program.
- Coyotes that originate from outside the County boundaries, or are brought in by a non-resident of the above noted areas will not be accepted for payment under this program.
- This program may terminate at an earlier date than the March 31, 2002 deadline, subject to budget limitations.

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community **NEWS****A Glance Back - I like fairy tales!**

By Irene Magnusson
Review Contributor

I like the Christmas season for the stories to be heard on radio and television. I mean the kids' stories. Yep, I listen to them. They seem to make the most sense. Whoever doesn't enjoy the "Grinch" and how he first stole Christmas and then returned it - why, he must be part Grinch himself!

I heard this story the other day on CBC radio. It seems an elderly shoemaker and his wife were having heavy sledding to make ends meet. He was down to his last chunk of leather to build a pair of boots with. Tired from patching and mending old shoes for the villagers all day, he only had strength to cut out his leather for the new pair (no doubt hoping to sell it for there Christmas cheer), laying it out on his bench, and then he tumbled into bed, soon snoring beside his good wife.

I'm sure you know the rest, of how in the morning he found the shoes all beautifully stitched together, even

better than he could do it himself. So he sold them for a good price and bought leather for two more pair. Now we can ditto this whole process for quite some time, doubling the output every night, replacing the shoes made with twice as many. Soon the old folks were quite well off - in fact they were rich.

How they contained their curiosity for so long I don't know, but at last they decided to see who or what was doing all this stitch-witchery for them. They put out the leather as usual - for who knows how many pair by now - maybe hundreds! - hid themselves in a corner behind a curtain with a peephole, and waited. Dot on the stroke of midnight two little Elves pranced in, and set to work. They moved with the speed of lightning, sewing and stitching and banging away. Tiny and hairy they were, a matched pair.

But the thing that boggled the minds of the hidden old couple was the stark nakedness of the two! Not a stitch had they to cover

their bones!

Soon they finished and left. The couple decided to DO something about this terrible state of affairs, so set to work making these poor unclothed elves a fine set of garments. They didn't even go to

and the pockets in the breeches.

Ah, what a good deed they had done, thought they to themselves! So with clear untroubled minds they snoozed in the late afternoon, to refresh themselves for another sleepless night.



bed, but got right at it, making all the elves might need to dress like any other folks (excepting for the size) - shoes, socks, pants, shirts, vest and jackets, underwear, even hats - the works! Even to the curly feather in the hat band

Laying all the newly made garments out on the workbench, in place of the usual leather, and hiding behind the curtains as before, the rich old shoemaker and his chubby little wife awaited the elves again.

Sure enough, smack

on midnight, in trotted the two elves, ready for work. But...! Imagine their surprise to see -- instead of a raft of cut-out leather - these jim-dandy little outfits, just their size and all ready for the donning! Of course, they jumped right into them, giggling and chortling, admiring the smooth velveteen breeches, the jaunty pointy-crowned little hats, each with its own feather! Each could see the other become a dandy right before his eyes. Wow!

When they were all dressed they joined hands and danced round and round, right out the door, not even bothering to close it behind them, and right out of the shoemaker's life forever.

But - so what? He was rich now and didn't need them anymore! And they had done their good deed for the riches won by clothing the little heathen in good human attire.

Now the moral of this story - as I see it - is this: all you have to do in order to get ahead in the world is to be old and poor, and some

elves or fairy godmother will just pop in and do you a good turn. You can repay this at some later date by passing out a set of threads or a bucket of food, or even by doing someone else a good turn. Just so it's what YOU think is a good turn. I don't suppose it occurred to our little old shoemaker or his wife that those elves had been happy in their nudity for untold generations, and maybe even LIKED it that way... and could have had a perfectly good reason for it, like maybe they were allergic to clothes?

And what wonderful concepts to follow, are these old fairy tales, without morals or pointing a lesson -- just darn well telling a story for the entertainment of it! No wonder kids are often so much more interesting to talk to than adults -- they still believe things can just BE - even without logic or reason.

So why not believe in elves and fairies and Santa - or that airplanes can fly and all the other - to adults - unreasonable things? It's pure fun.

■ From Parliament Hill

Liberals continue to insult Canadian Forces - Benoit

OTTAWA - "The Liberal budget is an insult to our fighting men and women in the Canadian Armed Forces," said Official Opposition Defence Critic Leon Benoit. "The skimpy increases in military spending in this budget, which was less than 5% of what was required, will do nothing but worsen the crisis in our Armed Forces."

The Alliance member says the Liberals have slashed military funding by total of almost \$2.9 billion in real terms - or 23%. Beyond paying for the Canadian commitment to OPERATION APOLLO in Afghanistan and money to emergency preparedness, Monday's budget provided less than 5% of the \$2.2 billion which was widely called for.

Benoit says the Auditor General clarified what is needed - the Canadian Forces face an annual budget shortfall of \$1.3 billion.

Sheila Fraser (the Auditor General) also stated that, the MP continues, in order to meet equipment replacement requirements over the next five years, the equipment budget would have to be almost doubled in that period from \$6.5 billion to \$11 billion.

"That is an annual shortfall of \$2.2 billion per year and the government is only replacing \$0.1 billion of the total needed," said Benoit.

"Every year, the capability of the Canadian Forces declines, and our men and women are increasingly ill-equipped to do the jobs we ask them to perform," added Benoit. "Why has this government refused to meet even the basic requirements laid out by the Auditor General? She says claims by the government about military readiness 'should be taken with a grain of salt', and after this budget, it looks like she's

more correct than ever.

"A strong military is essential to maintaining our international commitments, whether its NATO, NORAD or the United Nations," explains Benoit. "Reducing military capabilities results in a decrease in our foreign and domestic policy options and threatens our status amongst nations. Lowering our status at the trade table also hurts Canada economically. Canada has the second lowest level of defence spending of all NATO countries in terms of the most common measure used - the percent of GDP."

The Canadian Alliance and the Conference of Defence Associations called on the Liberals to immediately add at least \$2 billion annually to the budget base of the Department of National Defence. This would not include the money required to support deployments to fight the war on terror.

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community NEWS

Lighting the way to a beautiful Christmas

It was far from an easy task, but the judges of the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce Christmas Lighting and Decorating Contest have finally



SANTA'S BROWSING REINDEER enjoy a break from pulling their lighted sleigh on the lawn of Kandus and Nigel Lafrance, or maybe they just stopped to watch the video projected on the garage door of this first prize winning home.

released the list of winners from last Tuesday night's judging tour.

Placing first in the Residential category was the home of Kandus and Nigel Lafrance, who outlined their rooftops with a combination of white lights and a lighted star, while down on their lawn, Santa takes a breather by his lighted sleigh while two magnificent moving reindeer browse. A lighted snowman beside one of the garage doors decked in lighted garland is echoed in the snowman video projected onto the other door.

The Lafrances edged ahead of Amelia and Jim Bowen, with whom they tied for second place last year. The Bowens once again placed second, with a delightful gingerbread house effect created with swathes of

icicle lights combined with larger red and green lights, and a soft-sculpture Santa and family lawn display.

Many-time winners Walter and Marie Lesyk, with a many-featured display of snowmen, Santas and angels, tied with Dwayne and Tracy Vogel, whose display was highlighted by a pyramid of elves helping Santa to the rooftop.

Honorable mention goes to Jay and Jackie Heagy, Mr. and Mrs. Armand Houle, Len and Diane Cole, John and Anne Robertson and Mike and Lana MacDonald.

In the Institutional category, first place goes to Heritage Lodge, second to Fort George Manor, and third to both Elk Point United Church and Buckingham House.



BEAUTY BY NIGHT -- Amelia and Bowen's home takes on a delightful gingerbread house flavor with its array of icicle lights with larger red and green lights outlining the graceful arches.

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